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Re: U. S. Patent Application No. 09/102,016  
Filed: June 22, 1998  
Docket No. RN1105  
Entitled: TREATMENTS IN A DISTRIBUTED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM  
Inventor: Samuel H. CHRISTIE, IV

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a RESPONSE under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in reply to the Final Office Action dated November 5, 2001 in the subject application. If for any reason this RESPONSE is found to be INCOMPLETE, or if at any time it appears that a TELEPHONE CONFERENCE with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned collect at (919) 997-4453.

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Sir:

This Response is in reply to the Final Office Action dated November 5, 2001.

Applicant respectfully requests reexamination and reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and requests reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

Claims 61-120 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103 as being obvious over